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FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ORDER OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF CANADA

Adopted by Grand Chapter 28th Day of January, A.D. 1903, A.I. 2433—together with subsequent approved amendments and corrections.

ORGANIZATION.

1.—The name of this Grand Chapter is the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

JURISDICTION.

2.—This Grand Chapter is a body of Royal Arch Masons in which is invested the government and care of Capitular Masonry within the Provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, and the North-West Territories in the Dominion of Canada.

POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

3.—The Grand Chapter is the highest source of authority in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. In it alone is vested general government and control, and the power of enacting laws and regulations for the

government of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and all lodges of Most Excellent Master Masons and Mark Master Masons within the jurisdiction. It has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and finally deciding all matters relating to the Royal Arch, the Most Excellent Masters' and Mark Masters' degrees, or of the subordinate Chapters or individual Companions, either by direct or delegated authority. It grants, under its great seal and the sign manual of its Grand Principals, attested by the Grand Scribe E., Warrants or Charters and dispensations for constituting Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Master Masons, with authority to assign the limits of the several districts, and when expedient suspends or revokes said charters, and alone can, after due summons for trial, expel an offending Companion. It decides all questions of Masonic law, usage and custom, makes, alters and repeals at pleasure, laws for its government and the government and control of its own members, and deals with all appeals that may be made by either individual Companions or Chapters, according to the provisions of the Constitution as authorized by the Grand Chapter. It has the power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction over all Chapters. It shall see that the authorized work of the Order is preserved, and that no deviation be permitted either in the work or ceremonials and forms of the Order.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

4.—This Grand Chapter shall be composed of its officers, both elected and appointed, as hereinafter enumerated, and its members shall rank in the following order:—

GRAND OFFICERS.

The Grand First Principal or the Grand Z.
The Grand Second Principal or the Grand H.
The Grand Third Principal or the Grand J.
} *Grand Council*

The Grand Superintendents of Districts, viz.:

The Grand Superintendent of the First or St. Clair District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Second or London District
The Grand Superintendent of the Third or Wilson District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Fourth or Wellington District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Fifth or Hamilton District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Sixth or Huron District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Seventh or Niagara District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Eighth or Toronto District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Ninth or Georgian District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Tenth or Ontario District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Eleventh or Prince Edward District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Twelfth or St. Lawrence District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Thirteenth or Ottawa District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Fourteenth or Algoma District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Fifteenth or Manitoba District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Sixteenth or British Columbia District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Seventeenth or Alberta District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Eighteenth or Kootenay District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Nineteenth or Saskatchewan District.
The Grand Superintendent of the Twentieth or New Ontario District.

The Grand Scribe E.
The Grand Scribe N.

The Grand Principal Sojourner.
The Grand Treasurer.
The Grand Registrar, and
The Grand Janitor, who shall not, however, have a vote in Grand Chapter.

All Past Grand officers, including Past Grand Superintendents of districts, rank in the same order of precedence.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Senior Sojourner.
The Grand Junior Sojourner.
The Grand Lecturer.
The Grand Sword Bearer.
The Grand Masters of the Veils.
The Grand Standard Bearer.
The Grand Director of Ceremonies.
The Grand Organist.
The Grand Pursuivant.
Ten Grand Stewards.

MEMBERS.

The three Principals of every Subordinate Chapter, and all Past First Principals, so long as they shall continue members of subordinate Chapters.

5.—Present and Past officers of Grand Chapter shall be known by the following titles: all First and Past Grand First Principals as "Most Excellent"; all other elected Grand and Past Grand officers, and the Grand Superintendents of districts, as "Right Excellent," and all appointed and Past appointed Grand officers as "Very Excellent." The Grand Janitor shall be styled "Companion."

CONVOCATIONS.

6.—The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be holden on the fourth Wednesda in February at such place as may be selected by Grand Chapter at the previous Annual Convocation and at such hour as the members of the Grand Council may from time to time determine.

7.—Emergent Convocations may be convened by the Grand First Principal, whenever in his judgment it may be necessary, or upon the request of the First Principals of twelve Chapters, seven clear days' notice being given of such intention. The reason for convening a Grand Chapter of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no business other than that stated shall be entered upon at that Convocation.

8.—The representatives of nine Chapters, together with at least one of the Grand Principals, shall constitute a quorum at all Convocations, and the Grand Chapter is declared open in Ample Form when the Grand First Principal is present, and at all other times in Due Form, but with the same authority.

OFFICERS—HOW CHOSEN.

9.—(1) The officers of Grand Chapter shall be elected or appointed annually, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed.

(2) The officers of Grand Chapter and the members of the Executive Committee, elected as such by Grand Chapter, shall be elected by ballot after nomination.

(3) The place at which the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter is to be held shall be determined

by ballot at the same time as the vote is taken for the election of officers. The place for which the largest number of votes is cast shall be regarded as the place selected.

(4) Candidates who are eligible for any elective office requiring nomination may be nominated by any member of Grand Chapter.

(5) Nominations for any elective office requiring nomination, for the Executive Committee, and for the place of holding the next Annual Convocation shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Grand Scribe E. before twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the meeting.

(6) No Companion's name shall be submitted to ballot for more than one elective office. Any Companion nominated for more than one elective office may withdraw his name from any such nominations, at any time before the vote is taken, and, in the event of his not so withdrawing, his name shall be submitted to ballot for the senior office only.

(7) The ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Scribe E. and shall contain:

(*a*) A letter or figure showing the number or order of the ballot.

(*b*) A list of the elective officers.

(*c*) Properly defined spaces into which may be written

(1) The names of the Companions to be voted for;

(2) The place of the next Annual Convocation.

(*d*) The number of votes cast with each ballot.

(8) The M.E. the Grand Z. shall, before calling off Grand Chapter at the end of its first session, ap-

point and announce the names of a sufficient number of scrutineers, not being Grand Chapter officers or nominated for office, to take charge of the ballot. He shall also appoint one of the scrutineers to be chairman whose duty it shall be to supervise the scrutineers in the performance of their duties, to decide any doubtful ballots, and to report the result of each ballot to the presiding officer of Grand Chapter. Before entering upon their duties the scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to perform the same truly and faithfully.

(9) The scrutineers shall meet at two o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of the meeting in a convenient room set apart for the purpose in or adjoining the place of meeting. They shall act in sections of three under the direction of the chairman. Each section shall be provided with a ballot box and a book containing the name and number of the Chapter of each Companion entitled to vote, and the number of votes to which he is entitled.

(10) Each Companion voting shall write upon one of the ballot papers the name or names of the Companion or Companions for whom he desires to vote, and the name of the place at which he desires that the next Annual Convocation shall be held. He shall vote for five nominated members of the Executive Committee, otherwise his ballot for the Committee shall be void. After exposing to the scrutineers the figures on his ballot indicating the number of his votes and furnishing such other information as they may require, he shall deposit his ballot paper in the proper ballot box.

(11) No Companion shall deposit more than one ballot paper in his personal right nor more than one

ballot paper for the Chapter legally represented by him. Any violation of this rule shall constitute a Masonic offence for which the Companion charged shall be tried summarily by a committee appointed by the M.E. the Grand Z. If found guilty, he shall be sentenced by the Grand Z. to be reprimanded, to be suspended for a limited time, or to be suspended indefinitely.

(12) The M.E. the Grand Z. shall declare the first ballot closed at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon of the first day and the vote shall be counted forthwith and announced.

(13) The five Companions nominated for the Executive Committee obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be duly elected.

(14) A candidate for office other than for membership on the Executive Committee must, in order to be elected, receive a majority of all the votes cast.

(15) If upon the first ballot some of the Companions nominated for any office, other than membership on the Executive Committee, do not obtain a majority of all the votes cast, another ballot shall be taken in respect of such office, and so on until the requisite majority has been obtained. Provided, however, if three or more Companions are nominated for an elective office, other than the Executive Committee, and there is no election, the Companion receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall retire.

(16) All the ballot papers cast at any election shall be forthwith deposited by the chairman of the scrutineers with the Grand Scribe E., who shall retain them for three months and shall then, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Z., destroy them by fire.

(17) The Grand Janitor shall be elected by an open vote of Grand Chapter.

(18) The Credentials Committee shall report to Grand Chapter at two o'clock in the afternoon of the first day of the Convocation.

10.—None but Past First Principals shall be eligible for any office in this Grand Chapter, except the office of Grand Janitor, which may be filled by any Royal Arch Companion.

WHEN INSTALLED.

11.—The appointed officers shall be selected by the Grand First Principal after his installation, and both elected and appointed officers shall be respectively installed and invested at the Annual Convocation, and shall hold their respective offices until the next Annual Convocation or until their successors shall have been regularly elected, appointed, installed or invested.

Should any officer elected or appointed be absent from the Annual Convocation, he shall, as soon as convenient thereafter, be installed or invested under the authority of the Grand Z., by the Grand Superintendent or other Grand or Past Grand officer in his own or any other Chapter. No officer can be installed by proxy.

12.—Every Companion elected or appointed to office shall during his term of office be a subscribing, honorary or life member of some subordinate Chapter.

13.—The Grand Superintendents of districts shall be elected by a majority of the representatives and Past First Principals of their respective districts present at

the Annual Convocation, subject to the confirmation of the Grand First Principal.

14.—The Grand Senior and Junior Sojourners, Lecturer, Sword Bearer, Masters of Veils, Standard Bearer, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Pursuivant and ten Stewards, shall be appointed by the Grand First Principal.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

15.—In order that the business of the Grand Chapter may be placed before it in proper and regular form an Executive Committee shall be constituted. Ths committee shall consist of all Past Grand First Principals, the Grand First, Second and Third Principals, the Grand Superintendents of districts, the Grand Scribes, the Grand Treasurer and ten other members of Grand Chapter, five to be elected annually by ballot, and five to be appointed by the Grand First Principal immediately after the election and appointment of the Grand officers. The Grand Second Principal shall be the presiding officer, and in his absence the Grand Third Principal or a chairman selected by the Committee shall preside. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the despatch of business. The Executive Committee shall form sub-committees on Credentials, Warrants and Dispensations, Finance, the Condition of Capitular Masonry, Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, Benevolence, Fraternal Dead, Foreign Correspondence, and on such other business as may be deemed necessary.

The Executive Committee shall meet at a time selected by the Grand Second Principal prior to the Annual Convocation and at other times if necessary.

VOTES AND VOTERS.

16.—Each officer and permanent member of this Grand Chapter (except the Grand Janitor) shall be entitled to one vote and each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes. All matters shall be decided by a majority of votes except when otherwise ordered. The votes are to be signified by a show of hands, which the Grand Scribes are to count if the voting is close. Five members may demand a ballot on any question either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken, which ballot shall be collected at once. In case of equality the presiding officer shall have the casting vote. No visitor shall on any account be permitted to vote.

17.—Should the representative officers the Z., H. or J., of a Chapter be unable to attend the Grand Convocation, such Chapter may by open vote select a Past First Principal as proxy, and such proxy, properly certified by the First Principal and the Scribe E. under the seal of the Chapter, shall entitle the Companion so selected to represent the Chapter at the Convocation of Grand Chapter. The credentials of a Companion acting as proxy for a Chapter must contain in writing the resolution of the Chapter giving the proxy, signed by the First Principal and Scribe E. of the Chapter, on the authorized form. In the event of the representative officers and proxy of a Chapter being absent the Senior Past First Principal of the Chapter present shall be entitled to the vote of his Chapter. No Companion can represent more than three Chapters.

18.—Any Grand officer who shall during the term for which he was chosen by either election or appointment remove from the jurisdiction or cease to be a

member of some regular subordinate Chapter, thereby vacates his office, and any Past Grand officer or member who for six months consecutively ceases to be a member on the roll of a subordinate Chapter shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Chapter until he shall have again become, and continues to be, a member on the roll of some subordinate Chapter.

19.—No Grand officer who has been duly elected by the Grand Chapter can be removed or suspended from his office by the Grand Z. except for cause; and his suspension or removal must be ratified by a majority of the members present at the next following Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. The Grand Z. shall lay before such Grand Convocation a statement of the removal or suspension, together with his reasons therefor.

Any Grand officer of this Grand Chapter may resign his office either before or after his installation or investiture, whereupon the Grand Z. shall fill the vacancy by appointing another suitable Companion to such office until the next regular Convocation of Grand Chapter.

20.—When any Grand Lodge suspends or expels a brother who is a Royal Arch Mason for unmasonic conduct such action shall also suspend or expel him from his Royal Arch privileges, while the Craft discipline continues in force.

21.—Chapters neglecting to make their annual returns and payments to Grand Chapter cannot be represented in Grand Chapter until such returns and payments shall have been made.

22.—Should a vacancy occur in any office in Grand Chapter from any cause, the Grand First Principal

shall fill such by appointment until next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

23.—Companions who have rendered service to the Craft may, by unanimous vote by ballot of Grand Chapter, be constituted members of Grand Chapter with such rank as may be thought proper; provided that notice be sent in writing to the Grand Scribe E. prior to the 30th November preceding, and the subordinate Chapters notified by that officer prior to the 31st December.

24.—No officer or member shall be permitted to be present at any Convocation of Grand Chapter without the proper clothing of a Royal Arch Mason.

25.—The officers of every Chapter, Grand and subordinate, in this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of the functions of their respective offices, and every candidate upon his admission shall take an obligation to support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

POWERS OF THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL.

26.—The Grand First Principal shall exercise all the executive and judicial functions of this Grand Chapter during its recess, and shall at each Annual Convocation communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during such recess, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient.

27.—He shall have the power during the recess of Grand Chapter to grant a Dispensation under his hand and attested by the Grand Scribe E., under the seal of Grand Chapter, upon the petition of nine registered Royal Arch Masons in good standing, empowering

them to hold Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Master Masons, for a certain specified time, provided such does not extend beyond the next ensuing Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, when the Grand Chapter may confirm the said Dispensation and grant the petitioners a Warrant of constitution, but no Warrant or Dispensation shall be granted for constituting Lodges of Mark or Most Excellent Masters, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

28.—He shall also have the sole power to appoint representatives of this Grand Chapter, near other recognized Grand Chapters, and to receive and accredit representatives of other recognized Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, and to issue all Dispensations; but for public festivals and processions authority may be granted by the Grand H. or J., or the Grand Superintendent of the district. All Committees are appointed by the Grand First Principal unless otherwise ordered by Grand Chapter.

29.—He shall also have the power to decide all questions of usage and order of Masonic law, as applied to Capitular Masonry.

30.—He shall also have the power to convene any Chapter or Chapters of Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction at such time and place as he may designate, and in person or by proxy to preside thereat, inspect the proceedings and work of the same and require a strict compliance with the laws, rules and regulations of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction.

31.—He shall also have the power to suspend the Warrant or suspend the First Principal of a Chapter, until the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

32.—He shall also have the power to command every officer of the Grand Chapter and to call upon them for information, advice or assistance, or for anything else relating to the Royal Craft.

33.—He may summon any Chapter or officer of a Chapter to attend him, and may order the production of the Warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given, in his opinion, for non-compliance, such summons shall be repeated as a peremptory one, and if such summons be not attended to, the offending Chapter or member may be suspended pending report to Grand Chapter for further consideration.

34.—He shall not be applied to officially concerning any matter connected with Capitular Masonry, except through the Grand Scribe E. But this restriction does not apply to the Grand H. or J., who may communicate direct.

35.—He shall have the right to preside at all the Convocations of Grand Chapter. In case of his absence or disability the Grand Second Principal, or in his absence the Grand Third Principal, or in the absence of all these the Senior Past Grand First Principal present shall fill the chair.

36.—In case of the absence, inability or death of the Grand First Principal, the immediate Past Grand First Principal shall act until the next election takes place, and, failing him, any Past Grand First Principal in order of seniority. If none be found to act, the Grand Chapter shall forthwith be summoned by the Grand Second Principal, or, in his absence, by the Grand Third Principal, to elect a new Grand First Principal.

THE GRAND SECOND PRINCIPAL.

37.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Second Principal to preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, and to convene it at such times and hour as he may order. He shall also exercise such executive or judicial functions as may be delegated to him by the Grand First Principal.

38.—He shall report in writing to the Grand First Principal any and all official acts performed by him during the recess of Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND THIRD PRINCIPAL.

39.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Third Principal to act as Vice-President at the meetings of the Executive Committee, and in the absence of the Grand Second Principal to preside at the same, and to exercise such other and executive judicial functions as may be delegated to him by the Grand First Principal. He shall report in writing to the Grand First Principal any and all official acts performed by him during the recess of Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

40.—This officer must be a Past First Principal and a resident in the district for which he is appointed.

41.—He may preside and rule in every Chapter he visits within his district, and may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Chapters, or individual Companions within his district, and may proceed to admonition or to suspension. A minute of all such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with his

decision is to be transmitted to the Grand First Principal through the Grand Scribe E., and when the case is of so flagrant a nature as in the judgment of the Grand Superintendent of the district to require the erasure of a Chapter, or the expulsion of a Companion, he shall make a special report to the Grand Chapter, with his opinion thereon. His decision is final unless an appeal is made therefrom to the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter.

42.—He may summon any Chapter or Companion within the district to attend him, and may order the production of the Warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Chapter. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and, in case of contumacy, he may suspend the offending Chapter or Companion, and shall report the case as provided.

43.—All petitions for Dispensations or Warrants for new Chapters must be recommended and duly signed by the Grand Superintendent of the district prior to their transmission to the Grand Scribe E., whose duty it shall be to see that such recommendation and signature are duly attached to each petition and recommended by the nearest Chapter; if such recommendation be unreasonably withheld, it shall be left to the decision of the Grand First Principal.

44.—For the information of the Grand Chapter he shall transmit to the Grand Scribe E. not later than the first day of January prior to each Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, a report in writing on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in his district, with a list of such Chapters as may have been con-

stituted since the last Annual Convocation and a list of all Chapters visited.

45.—He shall have power to give or refuse consent for the removal of a Chapter from place to place within his district, but not from his district into another, nor from another district to his own, without the sanction of the Grand First Principal. Provided that such removal shall not be made into any village, town or city where a Chapter or Chapters exist, without the permission of the said Chapter or a majority of the Chapters.

46.—He shall have power to grant dispensations for public festivals or processions in his district.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

47.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of the moneys, securities and vouchers of Grand Chapter, to pay all orders duly drawn under the direction of Grand Chapter; and bearing the signature of the Grand Second Principal, attested by the Grand Scribe E.; to make an itemized report annually in writing to Grand Chapter, and to the Grand First Principal, whenever required, of the amount and nature of the receipts and disbursements of the moneys of the Grand Chapter, together with the names of all banks or financial companies where the funds or securities are deposited, with a separate list of same, showing amount, rate of interest and term of security, and to verify his statement by a voucher from each of the banks or companies holding the said moneys or securities; to pay and deliver to his successor in office

all moneys, books, writings and property of Grand Chapter under his control, and within thirty days after his installation to furnish a bond of one thousand dollars (the fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Chapter) for the faithful performance of his duties.

THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

48.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. to record all the laws, acts and transactions of Grand Chapter; to receive, file and safely keep all papers, books and documents of Grand Chapter, other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Chapter, and to pay over the same within ten days of the receipt to the Grand Treasurer; to give an itemized report annually to Grand Chapter of the amount of money received by him and the sources from which it was received; also a list of the Chapters that have failed to make returns of their elections of officers or pay the fees required by Grand Chapter, and also such other information as to the state of subordinate Chapters as may come to his knowledge and be of interest to Grand Chapter, to conduct the correspondence of Grand Chapter, under the direction of the Grand First Principal, and to deliver to his successor in office all moneys, books, writings and property of the Grand Chapter under his control. He shall also have charge of and be responsible for the regalia, jewels and furniture belonging to Grand Chapter. He shall, immediately after his installation, furnish an indemnity bond in the sum of one thousand dollars. The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND SCRIBE N.

49.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe N., to assist the Grand Scribe E. in the discharge of his duties, when called upon, at Convocations of Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.

50.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Principal Sojourner to see that the Grand Senior and Junior Sojourners perform their duties, and to report the names of all visitors who seek admission to Grand Chapter.

THE GRAND SENIOR SOJOURNER.

51.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Senior Sojourner to allow none to enter Grand Chapter but those who come properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons and duly qualified.

THE GRAND JUNIOR SOJOURNER.

52.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Junior Sojourner to see that the portals of Grand Chapter are properly guarded, and to report all visitors and communications from without to the Grand Principal Sojourner.

THE GRAND LECTURER.

53.—The Grand Lecturer shall have communicated to him by the Grand First Principal the authorized work of Grand Chapter. It shall be his duty when requested by any subordinate Chapter, to visit the

same, exemplify the work authorized by this Grand Chapter, and to report to the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter all who wilfully depart therefrom. Such Chapter shall pay for such services a sum not less than two dollars per day and actual travelling and hotel expenses. In no case shall any expense be entailed upon Grand Chapter for such service.

THE GRAND JANITOR.

54.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Janitor to guard the entrance to Grand Chapter, to see that all visitors are duly vouched for before being reported, and that decorum is preserved at the entrance to Grand Chapter.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

55.—The Executive Committee shall audit the accounts of Grand Chapter, examine and report on all applications for Warrants, and report on the condition of Capitular Masonry, prepare a report upon Foreign Correspondence, consider all matters referred to by the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter and appoint a Committee on Credentials. It shall further deal with all subjects that are brought before it in connection with the work and business of the Grand Chapter. All transactions of the Committee shall be entered in a minute book by the Grand Scribe E. and a report on the several subjects shall be presented to Grand Chapter.

56.—It shall be the duty of all Grand officers to perform such other duties appertaining to their respective offices, in conformity with this constitution, as

shall from time to time be required by the Grand Chapter or the Grand First Principal.

FEES, DUES AND COMPENSATION.

57.—The Grand Chapter shall from time to time fix the amount to be paid into the treasury thereof, for the organization of, and as dues from, subordinate Chapters.

58.—The fee for Exaltation to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch, and which includes the preliminary degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, by the Chapters in this jurisdiction shall be not less than twenty dollars. This is not, however, to extend to serving Companions, who may be exalted free of initiation fee, provided that a dispensation be first obtained from the Grand First Principal.

59.—The following shall be the fees and dues payable to the Grand Chapter, and which must in every case be sent to the Grand Scribe E., with the application or return to which they respectively relate, and for which every First Principal of a Chapter is responsible:—

For a Dispensation for a new Chapter.....	$25 00
For a Warrant of confirmation of ditto.....	10 00
For a Warrant of constitution for a new Chapter	35 00
For a new Warrant, to replace loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified	10 00
For every other dispensation.....	1 00
For registry of the name of every candidate for exaltation, and a Grand Chapter certificate.. (This is to be paid on the registration of every Mark Master Mason.)	2 00

For a Grand Chapter certificate to replace one lost	1 00
For registry of a Companion joining a Chapter whose name has been previously registered	0 50
For registry of a Companion joining from another jurisdiction	1 00
For every member of a Chapter, payable annually to the 31st of Dec. in each year, except the first year of the organization of the Chapter	0 25
For Constitutions, each	0 20
For Ceremonies, each	0 20

60.—The Grand First Principal shall receive his actual expenses when travelling on the business of this Grand Chapter and such further sum as Grand Chapter from time to time may determine. The Grand Scribe E. shall also receive such salary as Grand Chapter shall direct, and the Grand Janitor ten dollars, unless otherwise ordered by Grand Chapter.

61.—That the dues of a Chapter which has suffered loss by fire shall not be remitted unless the furniture and jewels of the said Chapter shall have been insured at the time of such loss.

APPEALS.

62.—Any Chapter or Companion feeling aggrieved by the decision of any other authority may appeal to the Grand Chapter against any such decision. Notice of the intention to appeal must be given to the Grand Scribe E. within fourteen days from the time the decision is made known, and the particulars of the grievance complained of must be in writing and be trans-

mitted to the Grand Scribe E. within one month after the date of the decision appealed against.

63.—An appeal shall in all cases lie to the Grand Chapter from the decision of the Grand First Principal, but his opinion and decision shall stand as the judgment of the Grand Chapter unless it shall be otherwise determined by a vote of a majority of the members present at the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

64.—The rules respecting Masonic trials and appeals authorized by the Grand Lodge of Canada shall, where applicable, govern the conduct of trials in the Chapter.

GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

65.—All legally constituted assemblies of Royal Arch Masons are called Chapters, as regular bodies of Mark Masters and Most Excellent Masters are called Lodges.

66.—A Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a First, Second and Third Principal, Treasurer, a Scribe E., a Scribe N., three Sojourners, a Master of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Veils, and a Janitor, and as many other officers as may be approved of by by-law for the government of the Chapter. The Principals of the Chapter for the time being shall be the Master and Wardens respectively of Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Masters, and the other officers according to seniority.

67.—Chapters shall be duly constituted, and the officers installed by one of the Grand Principals or Superintendent of a district, or by some present or past First Principal.

68 —Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons throughout the jurisdiction shall have a Warrant of constitution from the Grand Chapter, or a Dispensation permitting it to work, pending the issue of a Warrant, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant or Dispensation. The Chapter shall also have a seal with the name and number engraved thereon, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Scribe E.

69.—The mode of application for a Warrant must be by petition, which is to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the district in which it is intended to hold the Chapter, for his recommendation or opinion. This petition must be signed by nine registered Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, specifying the place where it is intended to hold such Chapter, the day on which it is proposed to be holden, with the names of the Companions selected to fill t[illegible]ces of First, Second and Third Principals, and st[illegible]arrant or Dispensation shall also give power to open and hold Lodges of Mark and Most Excellent Masters.

70.—Every Chapter has the power to make or amend such by-laws as to it may seem meet for its own private government, provided th y be n ɔt incompatible with the general laws of the Craft, or the statutes enacted by the Grand Chapter, and such by-laws must be submitted to the Grand Superintendent of the district, who shall forward them with his remarks thereon to the Grand Scribe E. for approval of the Grand Z., which when approved shall become law and shall be fairly copied in a book, and every Companion shall sign them, as a token of submission thereto when he becomes a member, and when any

alterations shall be made in the by-laws of any Chapter, such alterations shall, in the form of certified extracts from the minutes, be submitted in duplicate, and approved before they become law. The regular day and hour of meeting of the Chapter shall be specified in the by-laws.

Every new Chapter upon receiving its Warrant shall, at its next regular Convocation thereafter, appoint a committee to draft by-laws in accordance with the foregoing provisions and shall proceed without unnecessary delay to adopt and ratify them and forward copies of the same in duplicate, duly certified by the First Principal and Scribe E., within three months, to the Grand First Principal, through the Grand Superintendent of the district, for final approval. Such Chapter shall, in the interval, select by resolution, a code of by-laws of some existing chartered Chapter, regularly approved, to assist in its better government, pending the adoption of its own.

71.—That the practice of transferring dormant Warrants from one place in the jurisdiction to another be prohibited, and that all Warrants when surrendered, either as dormant or suspended Warrants, be held in the custody of the Grand Scribe E., and that the naming of a Chapter after a living person be also prohibited.

72.—All Chapters shall hold their regular Convocation at least once in every three months. Lodges of Mark Masters and Most Excellent Masters may be opened and worked without the Chapter being first opened.

73.—A Chapter of emergency may at any time be called by summons, giving seven days' notice, by

authority of the First Principal, or upon the request in writing of nine members of the Chapter. The business to be transacted shall be expressed in the summons, and none other than that specified shall be entered upon at that Convocation.

74.—Every Chapter shall annually elect by ballot the First, Second and Third Principals, the Treasurer, the Scribes E. and N., the Principal Sojourner, and by open vote two Auditors and the Janitor. At the next regular Convocation following such election, after the minutes shall have been read and approved, they shall be duly installed or invested, after which the First Principal shall appoint all other officers and standing Committees required for the better working of the Chapter.

75.—No Chapter shall be opened unless there be present nine Royal Arch Masons, seven of whom shall be members of the Chapter. If, in the absence of a Principal, no Past Principal of equal or higher rank be present, the First Principal or acting First Principal may declare the Chapter open for the transaction of business, but not for conferring the Royal Arch degree. While assembled, the Companions must wear the proper clothing of Royal Arch Masons.

76.—Chapters working under a Dispensation shall not transact any business except that clearly expressed in the Dispensation creating them, and shall always be governed by the constitution and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

77.—A Chapter of Royal Arch Masons or a Lodge of Mark or Most Excellent Masters must, when convened, be regularly opened and closed, and cannot be called off from one meeting to another.

78.—No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's chair until he has served in the Second Principal's chair for twelve months, nor to the Second Principal's chair until he has served in the Third Principal's chair for twelve months, unless by dispensation from the Grand First Principal. No Principal shall be installed in a Warranted Chapter until he has been examined by a board of two or more Past First Principals, and until such board shall certify in writing to the installing Past First Principal that these Companions are fully familiar with their respective duties.

79.—The precedence of a Chapter is derived from the number of its Warrant as recorded. If the majority of members withdraw from a Chapter the power of assembly exists with those remaining, provided their number be not less than nine, but if less than nine remain the Chapter becomes extinct and its Warrant, records and property revert to Grand Chapter.

80.—A Chapter failing to convene for one year, or a Chapter failing to make returns, showing the names of all Companions exalted and those who have joined, to Grand Chapter for two years, shall forfeit its Warrant, but not until after the Principals thereof shall have been duly summoned to show cause to the contrary.

81.—When a Chapter Warrant has been surrendered, it may, at discretion only, be restored by Grand Chapter, provided a petition be regularly presented and signed by not less than nine former members of such Chapter and from none others, and if the Warrant be restored the petitioners only shall constitute the membership of such Chapter.

82.—Each subordinate Chapter has the power to discipline its own members and all Royal Arch Masons residing in its jurisdiction, as well as those who have taken any of the Capitular degrees, and may, after due notice of the charge preferred and after due trial, censure, or suspend, and may recommend to Grand Chapter for expulsion. But no brother or Companion shall be disciplined without a two-thirds vote of all the members present at the time of taking such vote. The name of the Companion when disciplined and at the time of restoration, if any, shall be sent to the Grand Scribe E. and also the Grand Superintendent of the district. If any appeal be taken to Grand Chapter the Scribe E. shall transmit to the Grand Scribe E. a true copy of all proceedings in the case.

83a.—When a subordinate Chapter recommends to Grand Chapter that a Companion be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. at least ten days before the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be laid before the Executive Committee, which shall report thereon to Grand Chapter. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Chapter, the Companion shall be summoned to appear before the Executive Committee and Grand Chapter at the next Annual Convocation thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Executive Committee, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Chapter such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such recommendation and papers reach the Grand Scribe E. in sufficient time to admit of the service upon the convicted Companion, the Grand Scribe E. shall serve a

ten days' notice upon him at his last known address, requiring him to show cause at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter why he should not be expelled for his offence.

83.—The majority of the members of a Chapter, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their Principals or other representative before the Convocation of Grand Chapter.

84.—A resolution once disposed of by a Chapter cannot be reconsidered or rescinded without notice thereof being given at a preceding Convocation and included in the summons to the members.

85.—Any officer of a Chapter may resign his office with the consent of the Chapter, and upon his resignation being accepted, if the office is an elective one the Chapter shall fill the vacancy by an election at the next regular Convocation, notice thereof being sent to the members, and if the office is an appointed one, then the First Principal shall fill the vacancy by appointment at once, provided that no Companion shall be entitled to past rank in any office unless he has served a full term of twelve months in such office.

THE FIRST PRINCIPAL.

86.—The First Principal is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to subordinate Chapters, and that all returns are made and fees and dues paid to Grand Chapter. He shall see that there is kept by the Scribe E. a proper minute book and a register, in which are recorded the names of all candidates, their ages, residences and professions, with dates of

proposal, balloting and taking the several degrees; also a book to be kept by the Treasurer in which are recorded the receipts and disbursements of all moneys and accounts between the Chapter and individual members, and the Chapter and Grand Chapter and other books necessary for the welfare of the Chapter. He shall sign all warrants, cheques or orders for the payment of moneys. In the absence of the First Principal, the chair shall be assumed by his immediate predecessor, and in his absence by the next immediate Past First Principal.

THE SECOND PRINCIPAL.

87.—The Second Principal of the Chapter for the time being shall be the Senior Warden of the Lodge of Mark or Most Excellent Masters, and may confer the subordinate degrees, the First Principal or Past First Principal administering the OB. He shall act as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, and fulfil any other duties required of him by the First Principal.

THE THIRD PRINCIPAL.

88.—The Third Principal of the Chapter for the time being shall be the Junior Warden of the Lodge of Mark and Most Excellent Masters, and may confer the subordinate degrees, the First Principal or Past First Principal administering the OB. He shall act as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Chapter in the absence of the Second Principal, shall have the care of the regalia and jewels of the Chapter, and fulfil any other duties required of him by the First Principal.

THE TREASURER.

89.—The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds, securities, vouchers and financial concerns of the Chapter. He shall keep books as specified, receive all moneys and pay out the same only by authority of the Chapter, certified by the First Principal, countersigned by the Scribe E., and shall deposit all moneys in a chartered bank when possible, in the name of the Chapter.

THE SCRIBE E.

90.—The Scribe E. shall keep a record of all the transactions of the Chapter, send a copy of every summons issued for all Convocations to the Grand Superintendent of the district, make all returns required by Grand Chapter, collect and pay over on receipt all moneys that may be paid him on account of the Chapter within thirty days of the receipt thereof. He shall also keep an itemized account of the receipts of the Chapter, and all accounts between each member and the Chapter.

OTHER OFFICERS.

91.—The power and duties of other officers shall conform to customary usage, as prescribed by the ceremony of installation, the Constitution of Grand Chapter, and the by-laws of the subordinate Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP.

92.—Every candidate for Chapter degrees must have resided for one year immediately previous to the date of his petition, in the jurisdiction of the Chapter to

which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate of character and consent from the Chapter nearest to the place of his previous residence. He shall furnish evidence of his good standing, and be a Master Mason for at least three months, except the period be shortened by dispensation of the Grand First Principal, which shall not, however, be for less than four weeks, nor until he has presented a petition, giving his name, age, residence and profession, his mother lodge, or the lodge of which he is a member, and is recommended by two Companions, being members of the Chapter. He must be regularly proposed at one convocation of the Chapter, and a committee of the members appointed to enquire into his character. Notification of his proposal shall then be sent to all members of the Chapter, in the summons for the next convocation, whether regular or emergent. When this has been done, if the report of the comm[illegible] be favorable, he may be balloted for, and, if approved, admitted. If the report be unfavorable, he shall be deemed a rejected candidate, and cannot be proposed or balloted for in that or any other Chapter within twelve months of the time of his rejection. No brother shall be exalted to the Royal Arch degree unless he shall have received the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master. All balloting must take place in the Royal Arch degree.

93.—No Companion shall be admitted a joining member unless he gives proof of his good standing, or without being regularly proposed and seconded by two members of the Chapter, and his name, age, residence and the Chapter of which he is at the time, or was, a member, shall have been sent to all members of the Chapter, when, if the

report be favorable, he may be balloted for at the next convocation.

94.—No Chapter shall admit a candidate who resides within the jurisdiction of another Chapter without the written consent, given by open vote, after one month's notice to all the members of such other Chapter, and signed by the First Principal and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

95.—The jurisdiction of every Chapter, except in cities and towns where there is more than one Chapter, extends half way to the nearest Chapter. In such cities and towns, Chapters have concurrent jurisdiction, and consent for the formation of a new Chapter in their vicinity must be given by a majority of such Chapters.

96.—When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have liberty to and may confer the degree of Mark Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

97.—Every Chapter shall, within one month after each exaltation, send a return to the Grand Scribe E., specifying the date of exaltation, with the dates when the Companion received the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master, and shall apply for the registration of his name on the books of the Grand Chapter, and for a certificate under seal signed by the Grand Scribe E., such registry and exaltation to be

paid for by the Chapter, fees for registry and certificate, in every instance, to accompany the application. On the delivery of this certificate each Companion must affix his signature on the margin, without which it will not be valid.

98.—No Companion shall be admitted as a visitor to any Chapter unless he is personally vouched for, or unless after strict examination by two skilled Companions he is found worthy, and shall have duly registered his name in the visitors' book. This shall not exclude a Mark Master or Most Excellent Master from the right to visit a lodge while working any degree to which they may have attained. All visitors are subject to the by-laws of the Chapter.

99.—No unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason has a right to visit any Chapter in the place where he resides more than once during the period of his non-affiliation.

100.—A Companion residing within this Grand Jurisdiction is not required to affiliate with the Chapter nearest his place of residence, but may be admitted a member of any Chapter that will receive him.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

101.—Subordinate Chapters may, by by-law, admit their members to life membership on such terms as the Chapter may determine by by-law, and for each such life member such Chapter may pay into Grand Chapter the sum of two dollars and fifty cents, which payment shall exempt the Chapter from the payment of further dues to Grand Chapter on his behalf.

102.—Upon such life member withdrawing from the Chapter of which he originally became a iife member and joining any other Chapter, such other Chapter

shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Chapter on his account, nor, in case he become a life member of such other Chapter, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Chapter.

103.—Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of, and shall be amenable to discipline in the Chapter, in the same manner as ordinary members.

HONORARY MEMBERS

104.—Chapters may elect any Companion who has rendered service to the Royal Craft an honorary member by a three-fourths vote of the members present by ballot, but such honorary membership does not confer the right of voting except so declared and conferred by unanimous ballot at the time of such election. Notice of proposal for honorary membership must be given at one convocation and the name inserted in the summons for the next convocation. Honorary members are to be included in the annual return to Grand Chapter, and similar dues as for ordinary members must be paid on their behalf by the Chapter, or the fee may be commuted as in the case of a life member.

105.—Whenever a member of a Chapter desires by either personal application or in writing to withdraw from a Chapter, he shall be furnished, on payment of all dues owing, with a demit in form as authorized by Grand Chapter. This certificate shall be produced at any other Chapter with which the member desires to affiliate, previous to the ballot being taken.

106.—If a demitted Companion desires to renew his connection with a Chapter he can only do so by petition and ballot as in other cases. Should any petitioner for

affiliation be rejected he may renew his application to the same or to any other Chapter in the jurisdiction at any time.

107.—Every member of a subordinate Chapter neglecting to pay his dues for one year shall, after due notice has been sent to his last known address, and trial, be liable to punishment by suspension. If the Companion does not appear or a sufficient reason in the opinion of the First Principal be not given for his absence, he shall then and there be declared suspended by the First Principal.

108.—When a member is suspended for non-payment of dues he shall on payment of arrears owing at the date of his suspension be restored to good standing without ballot.

109.—By a vote of the Chapter the dues of any member may be remitted provided that notice of such motion has been given at a preceding convocation, and the members notified upon the summons with the amount proposed to be remitted. This shall also apply to members who have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and such motion, if adopted, shall restore those members to good standing without ballot.

110.—All applications for Grand Chapter certificates must be made through the Grand Scribe E., by the Scribe E. of the subordinate Chapter concerned, and no Chapter shall grant any certificate of any kind except that of demit or withdrawal from membership, which shall be furnished without charge.

111.—That the Scribe E. of every Chapter shall report by first mail to the Grand Scribe E. the death of any Grand officer, Past Grand officer or other prominent Royal Arch Mason, a member of his Chap-

ter, or residing within the jurisdiction of his Chapter, and on the receipt of such information the Grand Scribe E. shall notify the Grand First Principal, so that if advisable, the Grand Chapter may be represented at the funeral.

BALLOTING.

112.—All balloting for candidates for admission or affiliation shall take place in the Royal Arch degree.

113.—None but Companions, members of the Chapter in good standing, can vote for the admission of candidates or affiliation of Companions, and if the Chapter so decides by by-law, no Companion who is over twelve months in arrears for dues shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers.

114.—There shall be but one ballot for the several degrees conferred under the Chapter warrant, and no Companion shall violate the secrecy of the ballot, under penalty of censure in open Chapter for the first offence, and for a second offence deprivation of all his Royal Arch privileges.

115.—A proposition for membership may be withdrawn by the consent of the Chapter before the committee has reported upon it, but after a ballot has been ordered, it cannot be postponed, neither can it be reconsidered, and a ballot must be taken on every petition after it shall have been referred to a committee and reported upon favorably, provided the Chapter has jurisdiction and the applicant is eligible.

116.—No candidate shall be admitted or Companion received as an affiliated member if on the ballot being taken two black balls appear against him.

117.—Should objection be made to the advancement of a candidate after he shall have received one of the subordinate degrees, it shall be the duty of the First Principal to order the Companion so objecting to file written charges forthwith, and the Chapter, as soon as convenient, shall proceed to investigate the said charges, and if the same shall not be proven, the degree shall be conferred upon the candidate as if no charges had been made; but should the charges be proven, then the candidate shall be considered rejected and shall not apply again under three months from the time of rejection, nor then to any other than the Chapter rejecting him, without the unanimous consent of said Chapter; provided, however, that in case the Companion making the objection shall neglect or refuse to file charges and specifications within thirty days, then the Chapter may proceed to confer the degrees, the same as if no objection had been made.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

118.—No public procession or festival where Royal Arch clothing is proposed to be worn, shall be allowed without a dispensation from the Grand First Principal, except to attend Masonic funerals, the urgency of which may not admit of the delay necessary to procure the dispensation.

119.—If any Chapter or Companion shall take part in any public procession, except a funeral, in Royal Arch clothing without a dispensation, such Chapter or Companion shall be suspended by the Grand First Principal until the latter or Grand Chapter shall determine the matter.

CHAPTER BOOKS.

120.—In each Chapter shall be kept a book or books in authorized form, in which shall be registered the names of all Companions who shall be installed as First, Second and Third Principals, together with the names of all other officers of the Chapter. In these books shall also be kept a list of the members, giving the name, age, mother lodge, present lodge, date of receiving Mark Master and Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch degrees, or date of affiliation, and also dates of demission, suspension, expulsion or death.

121.—In each Chapter shall be kept a minute book in which must be entered the proceedings of each Convocation in the form prescribed by Grand Chapter. The minutes must include the names of all visitors who are present at the convocations.

122.—A members' and visitors' register, which shall contain the signatures of every member or visitor entering the Chapter must be placed at a convenient situation near the entrance. In the case of visitors the name of each visitor, his Chapter, its number, location and jurisdiction must be stated. The Janitor shall see that all these entries are properly made.

123.—A Scribe E.'s book in which shall be shown an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements of the Chapter, and also an account between each member and the Chapter.

124.—A Treasurer's cash book in which shall be shown an itemized account of the receipts and disbursements of the Chapter.

125.—A book of Marks in which shall be kept a copy of the Marks selected by the brethren, provided, however, that all such Marks must be in proper form

and composed of lines or combination of lines in the form of squares, angles, triangles, or any other form in which straight lines can be combined. The use of crests, coats of arms, as Marks, being unmasonic, is prohibited.

126.—Each Chapter shall keep a book, in which shall be copied the by-laws made for the government of the Chapter, with the signature thereto of each member.

R. A. REGALIA.

127.—The Royal Arch apron to be worn by the Companions is to be of white lambskin or white kidskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, and from twelve to fourteen inches deep, with an indented crimson and purple border two inches wide, the crimson part pointing to the centre of the apron, the border of the flap or lappet to be only one inch wide; in the centre of the flap is to be a triangle of white silk or satin surrounded with gold border, and within the triangle three taus united to gold spangled embroidery, and two gold tassels are to be suspended by white ribbons two inches wide, coming from under the flap. The linings and strings shall be white.

128.—The apron for Principals and Past First Principals of subordinate Chapters shall have the triangle, the linings and strings, and the ribbons suspending the tassels of scarlet, and may be trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

129.—The apron for present and past officers of the Grand Chapter shall have an indented crimson and purple border four inches wide, the border of the flap or lappet to be two inches wide, the triangle, linings and strings, and ribbons suspending the tassels to be

purple; there may be also the emblem of office embroidered on the centre of the apron.

130.—The sash of the Order shall be of four-inch indented crimson and purple ribbon, with silk fringe at the ends, and is to be worn on the left shoulder. The sash of Principals and Past First Principals of subordinate Chapters may have gold fringe or bullion.

131.—The sash of present and past officers of the Grand Chapter shall be a tricolor ribbon of purple, crimson and pale blue, four inches wide with gold fringe or bullion at the ends.

132.—The jewel of office worn by the present and past officers of the Grand Chapter may be suspended by a collar of three colors, viz.: purple, crimson and pale blue, four inches wide.

133.—The jewel of office worn by the Principals and officers of subordinate Chapters is to be suspended by a crimson collar, four inches wide.

134.—The aprons, collars and jewels of officers of lodges of Mark Masters and Most Excellent Masters, which are not independent bodies, may be those of the Chapter, according to rank, and Companions may wear their Royal Arch clothing therein.

135.—The jewel of the Order is to be worn on the left breast, suspended by a narrow white ribbon; but for present and past officers of the Grand Chapter, it may be tricolor, corresponding with the collar; and for Principals and Past First Principals of subordinate Chapters, crimson, also corresponding with the collar; all jewels to be of gold or gilt.

136.—The jewel of a Mark Master is to be in the form of a keystone. On the front the owner's Mark is to be engraved within a circle with the letters round it,

H.T.W.S.S.T.K.S. On the reverse side may be the owner's name and that of his Chapter, with the date of his advancement. The jewel should be a white cornelian stone, but may be of gold or silver or mother-of-pearl, and suspended by a narrow light blue ribbon with crimson edges.

137.—No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with, those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Chapter.

JEWELS.

138.—The following are the jewels of the officers:—

First Grand Principal Z.

A crown irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Second Grand Principal H.

The All-Seeing Eye irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Third Grand Principal J.

The Volume of the Sacred Law irradiated between the legs of a pair of compasses, the points resting on a triple triangle.

Past Grand Principals.

The jewel appertaining to their respective offices in a circle.

Grand Superintendents of Districts.

A small triangle irradiated in a double triangle, enclosed within a circle on a triangle.

Past Grand Superintendents of Districts.

The same jewel, omitting the small triangle, irradiated.

Grand Scribes E. and N.
Cross pens with a tie within a triangle.

Principal Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters.
A square irradiated within a triangle.

Grand Treasurer.
The key within a triangle.

Grand Registrar.
A scroll on a pen, within a triangle.

Assistant Sojourners of Grand and Subordinate Chapters.
A square within a triangle, not irradiated.

Grand Lecturer.
A closed book.

Grand Sword Bearer.
Cross swords, with a tie, within a triangle.

Grand Masters of Veils.
Cross batons, with a tie, within a triangle.

Grand Standard Bearer.
A standard with a triple tau in the centre, within a triangle.

Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Cross wands with a wreath, within a triangle.

Grand Organist.
A harp within a triangle.

Grand Pursuivant.
Cross swords and wand, with a coat of arms, within a triangle.

Grand Stewards.
A triangle.

Grand Janitor.
A sword.

Past Grand Officers.
The jewel appertaining to their respective offices set in a circle, except Past Grand Superintendents.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

139.—First Principal Z.
A Crown irradiated, within a triangle.

Second Principal H.
An All-Seeing Eye, irradiated within a triangle.

Third Principal J.
The Volume of the Sacred Law, irradiated within a triangle.

Past First Principals.
The same as First Principal Z., but within a circle.

Officers of Subordinate Chapters.
The emblems appertaining to their office as in Grand Chapter, within a triangle.

ROBES.

140.—First Principal Z.
A scarlet robe trimmed with ermine.

Second Principal H.
A purple robe.

Third Principal J.
A blue robe.

Scribes E. and N. and Sojourners.
White robes.

AMENDMENTS.

141.—Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed in writing at any regular Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, or may be transmitted in writing to the Grand Scribe E. prior to the 30th November of each year, and a copy of the proposed amendment sent to each Chapter prior to the 31st December in each year, after which they shall lie over in consideration until the next Annual Convocation. If then adopted by a two-thirds vote of Grand Chapter they thereby become part of this Constitution.

142.—All Constitutions, or parts of Constitutions, edicts or resolutions, by-laws and rules of order heretofore adopted by the Grand Chapter, inconsistent with this Constitution, are hereby repealed.

RULES OF ORDER.

143.—(1) The following are the regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during the time of business, and the business shall be disposed of in the following order:

(2) Officers and members must be properly clothed in accordance with their rank, and on the call to order, the Grand Chapter shall be opened in proper form.

(3) The minutes of the last Annual Convocation and emergent convocations shall be read and confirmed.

(4) The Grand First Principal shall deliver his annual address.

(5) The Grand Second and Third Principals shall make any communication they may deem necessary.

(6) The Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer shall make their annual reports.

(7) The Grand Superintendents of the Districts shall make their annual reports.

(8) The reports of the Executive, Committee on Credentials, Finance, Foreign Correspondence, Condition of Capitular Masonry, Benevolence, Grievances and Appeals, Jurisprudence, and on the Fraternal Dead, and reports of any special committee appointed shall be read.

(9) When the presiding officer shall call Grand Chapter to order, there shall be general silence.

(10) All Companions shall keep their seats, except the Grand Scribes, the Grand Principal Sojourner, and his Assistants, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move from place to place in discharge of their duties.

(11) No Companion shall be permitted to sit in Grand Chapter as a visitor without unanimous consent.

(12) All resolutions shall be in writing.

(13) No Companion shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, and no visitor shall speak to any question, unless requested or permitted to do so by the presiding officer.

(14) When a Companion speaks he shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand First Principal, and shall not be interrupted except on a point of order.

(15) If any Companion shall have been twice called to order by the presiding officer and shall, nevertheless, be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the presiding officer may command him forthwith to

quit the Grand Chapter, and he shall not again be admitted to that convocation.

(16) Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a Companion, or what he has said, shall be forthwith solemnly excluded from the convocation, and declared incapable of being a member of any Grand Chapter till, at another Grand Convocation, he publicly owns his fault and grace be granted.

(17) If any member of this Grand Chapter shall be guilty of disorderly behaviour, he shall for the first offence be called to order, for the second reprimanded by the presiding officer, and for the third he shall be suspended from a seat in the Grand Chapter during the pleasure of the same.

(18) When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table, to indefinitely postpone or to amend, and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.

(19) An amendment that entirely changes the subject of the original motion shall not be entertained as an amendment or substitute for the motion under debate.

(20) No Companion, except one who has voted with the majority, shall be allowed to move for a re-consideration, and in this connection the word "majority" shall apply to the vote by which the question was first decided.

(21) After a motion has been stated by the presiding officer, it becomes the property of Grand Chapter, but may be withdrawn at any time previous to amendment, unless objected to by a member.

(22) There shall be no debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding officer.

(23) All communications, motions, resolutions, shall be couched in respectful language.

(24) When the Grand First Principal or presiding officer is addressing Grand Chapter or a Companion speaking to a question, they shall not be interrupted by other Companions talking or passing between the speaker and the chair.

(25) Votes may be taken by a show of hands, unless a vote of Chapters is called for, which must be seconded by the representatives of, at least, five Chapters.

FORMS

Application for a Warrant of Constitution.

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND PRINCIPALS AND THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

We the undersigned, being registered Royal Arch Masons, of the Chapters mentioned against our respective names, pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Chapter at the (village, town or city) of in the County of Province of to be called the Chapter, on the day of and there to discharge the duties of Royal Arch Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter, and we have nominated and do recommend Companion ——— to be First Principal Z., Companion ——— to be Second Principal H., Companion ——— to be Third Principal J.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient landmarks of the order, and the rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter.

Dated at ———, etc., etc.

[*To be signed by at least nine certified R. A. Masons.*]

Application for Exaltation.

To the Excellent

The Principals, Officers and Companions of the ——————*Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.*——.

I, ——— *of the* ——— *in the County of* ——— *Province of* ———, *occupation* ———, *age* ———, a Master Mason raised in ——————, Lodge No. ———, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ————, respectfully offer myself as a candidate for advancement to the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master and exaltation to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch in ——— Chapter No.———. I hereby declare that I have resided within the jurisdiction of said Chapter for one year immediately prior to the date of this application, that I am in good standing as a Master Mason, and that I have not been rejected by this or any other Chapte. within the preceding twelve months.

Dated at————*this*——*day of*————, *19* .

(Signed) A. B.

[*Residence*]——.

Recommended by

C.D.———.

E.F.———.

Name of Applicant in full———.

Application for Affiliation.

To the Excellent

The Principals, Officers and Companions of ——————*Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No.*——.

I, ——— *of the* ——— *of* ——— *profession* ———, *age* ———, a Royal Arch Mason exalted in ——— Chapter No. ——, under the G. R. of ———, do hereby declare that I am a Companion in good standing in the Royal Craft, that I was last a member of ——— Chapter No. ——, G. R. ———, and am now desirous of becoming a member of your Chapter, to the rules and regulations of which I promise a strict compliance.

Dated at————*this*——*day of*————, *19* .

(Signed) A. B.

[*Residence*]——.

Recommended by

C.D.———.

E.F.———.

Name of Applicant in full————.

Certificate of Withdrawal from a Chapter

To all Royal Arch Masons to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This is to certify that Companion ———, who hath signed his name in the margin hereof, is a regular Royal Arch Mason in good standing at this date, and is, at his own request, regularly discharged from membership in the ——— Chapter, No. ——, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Chapter at ———, this ——— day of ——— 19——.

{SEAL}

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Z.

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Scribe E.

Proxy for a Chapter Appointing its Delegate to Grand Chapter

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That at a ——— Convocation of the ——— Chapter, No.——, held on the ——— day of ———, A.D.——, Companion ——— was delegated to represent the said Chapter at the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, to be held at ———, on the ——— day of ———, A.D. ——, and there to perform any and all acts which could be done by the duly qualified officers of the said Chapter were they personally present; promising to ratify and confirm all that the said delegate may lawfully do under such authority.

Given under our hands and the seal of the ——— Chapter at ———, this ——— day of ——— 19------.

{SEAL}

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Z.

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Scribe E.

Form of Entry of Transactions in Minute Book of a Private Chapter

Masonic Hall ———.

Minutes of the regular Convocation of ——— Chapter, No. ------, held on ——— the ——— day of ——— A.D. ——.

Present.

Z.	Treas.
H.	P.S.
J.	S.S.
S.E.	J.S.
S.N.	Jan.

(The names of all members present and the names of visiting Companions, with their Chapter and location.)

Opening Chapter. The Chapter was opened in prescribed form at ——— o'clock p.m.

Minutes. The minutes of the last regular Convocation (and subsequent Emergent Convocations, if any) were read and confirmed.

Executive Committee's Report. The report of the Executive Committee was presented by E. Comp. ——— H. (or J.)

Reports General. The Committee appointed to (here state subject) submitted its report, which, on motion of Comp ———, seconded by Comp. ———, was received (or received and adopted).

Payment of Accounts. The accounts of ——— having been presented and read, it was moved by Comp. ———, seconded by Comp. ———, that they be paid (or that they be referred to the Executive Committee and, if found correct, paid).

Petitions. The following applications for Exaltation and preliminary degrees were presented, received, and referred to the Executive Committee to be reported upon at next Convocation:

Bro. (names in full), age———, avocation ———, residence ———, a Master Mason and member (or demitted member) of——— Lodge No. ———. Recommended by Comp. ———, seconded by Comp. ———.

And for affiliation: Comp. (names in full), a member (or demitted member) of ——— Chapter No. ——. at ———, on the register of the Grand Chapter of ———, age ———, avocation ———, residence ———. Recommended by Comp.——— and Comp.— ———.

Ballot.

The Executive Committee having reported favorably on the application of Bro. ——— for Exaltation and preliminary degrees, the E. Z. ordered the ballot to be passed, which, on examination, was declared in his favor (or against him).

Board of Trial.

Bro. (or Bros.) ———, having been reported in waiting, the E. Z. appointed Comp. ———, with the Scribe E., a Board of Trial, to examine the candidate as to his proficiency as a Master Mason, and to collect the statutory fee.

Chapter Called Off.

The Board of Trial having reported to the E. Z. that the candidate had passed a satisfactory examination and paid the necessary fee, the Chapter was called off for the purpose. of opening in the Mark Master Mason's degree.

M. M. M.'s Lodge.

A lodge of Mark Master Masons was then regularly opened, with the following officers:

WM.	S.O.
S.W.	J.O.
J.W.	S.D.
Sec.	J.D.
M.O.	I.G.

Degree.

Bro. ———, having been duly prepared, was then advanced to the honorary degree of a Mark Master Mason.

M. E. M. Lodge.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was then closed in proper form and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters regularly opened, with the following officers:

W.M.	S.D.
S.W.	J.D.
J.W.	I.G.
Sec.	Tyler.

Degree.

Bro. ———, being in attendance and reported as having made suitable proficiency in the preceding degree, was properly prepared and admitted, when he was duly received and acknowledged as a Most Excellent Master.

Chapter Called On.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then closed in proper form and the Chapter resumed.

E. A. Degree.

Bros. ———, ———, ———, being in attendance and having passed a satisfactory examination, and being properly prepared, were severally exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch.

No further business coming before the Chapter, it was closed in prescribed form at ——— o'clock.

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Scribe E.

Read and confirmed this ——— day of ——— 19——.

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Z.

Guide to Scribes E.

Minutes are to be read at regular Convocations only; and after having read the minutes of the previous regular Convocation, those of any subsequent emergency are to be read for information.

For the sake of clearness and distinction, a line at least should be left blank between each minute. A marginal note should be made of the contents of each transaction.

Scribes E. should also keep a rough minute book to enter the proceedings as they occur, and afterwards copy them legibly in the regular minute book, to which he must attach his signature; and when they have been read and confirmed in open Chapter, the First Principal signs them also.

Every Chapter must keep a book, or books, outside the Chapter room for members and visitors to enter their names as they arrive, which it is the duty of the Janitor to see done before he gives notice of their being present.

It is usual on the presentment of reports from committees to move their reception, or their reception and adoption. If open to discussion or amendment, first move their reception and afterwards their adoption.

The Constitution declares twenty dollars ($20) the lowest fee that can be charged for Exaltation, which is to be paid previously to the candidate's "advancement." The sum includes the fee for registering the Companion's name, when exalted, in the books of the Grand Chapter, and a Grand Chapter certificate.

The First Principal is responsible for the fees collected on behalf of the Grand Chapter, and it is his particular duty to see that the same are regularly forwarded.

The newly-admitted candidate is required to sign the by-laws at the close of his advancement to the M. M. M. degree, when he is presented with a printed copy of same and a copy of the Constitution of Grand Chapter.

The Constitution requires application for registration and certificate *within one month* of a Companion's Exaltation. He, having paid for same, is entitled to immediate possession. A form for application is provided by the Grand Scribe E.

Names for registration should be given *in full* and written legibly, with *age, occupation and place of residence.*

The Annual Return must be sent in, with accompanying dues and fees, *immediately* after the December Convocation, if no emergent Convocation is held subsequent to it; and the Return of present officers and Past First Principals, promptly after installation.

The Annual Return must include all additions and deductions, within the Chapter's financial year. In cases of withdrawal, suspension or death, *the date must not be omitted.*

All names *once on the roll must be returned as members,* until returned by the Chapter as dead, resigned, suspended or excluded.

If a Companion is a member of a Chapter *only one day,* during the period for which the Return is made, he must be included in the list of members.

All applications to the Grand Scribe E.'s office for requirements demanding a fee, *must be accompanied by the amount;* otherwise they cannot be considered.

In remitting monies, Post Office, Bank or Express Co.'s orders should, where convenient, be used. Commission on bank cheques will be charged back.

TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES

Sec. 64 of the foregoing Constitution reads—The rules respecting Masonic trials and appeals authorized by the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), shall, where applicable, govern the conduct of trials in the Chapter.

For the guidance of Chapters these rules are herewith reproduced.

RULES OF GRAND LODGE

Respecting Trials for Masonic Offences and Proceedings Thereon.

OFFENCES.

1. The following are Masonic offences:

Atheism.

Contempt for God and religion.

Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge.

Any violation of the By-laws of a Lodge by a member thereof.

Disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.

Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.

Any intentional violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.

Any violation of the particular injunctions of the ritual or any of the landmarks of Masonry.

Improper revelations.

Countenance of impostors.

Masonic communion with clandestine Masons or irregular Lodges.

Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.

Undue solicitation of candidates.

Wronging a Mason by fraud.

Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.

All public crimes and misdemeanors involving moral turpitude.

Drunkenness and profligacy.

Fighting.

Adultery and all lascivious association, whether with the relative of a Mason or with a stranger.

Cruelty to wife or child.

JURISDICTION.

2. For any offence against the by-laws of his Lodge a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs.

3. For any other Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission to be appointed by the Grand Master.

4. A trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

SERVICE OF PAPERS.

5. Service on any brother of papers in connection with a Masonic trial or any appeal connected therewith, when such service is required by the rules, shall be effected in the following manner:

If the residence of the brother is known and he resides within the jurisdiction he shall be served personally.

If his residence is known and he resides out of the jurisdiction, he shall either be served personally or a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his proper post-office address.

If his residence is unknown a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail, prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at such known place of residence with a grown-up member of his family.

When a definite number of days' service by posting is required by any of the following rules, the day of posting the paper to be served shall count as one day.

The following rules shall apply to a trial by a Lodge, but shall also govern as far as applicable a trial by a commission.

PROCEDURE.

6. A charge of Masonic offence shall be made in writing. It shall be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. It shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, and it shall be filed by the accuser with the Secretary of the Lodge which is to try the case.

7. The charge shall be read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge which shall occur after the lapse of ten clear days from the day on which the same is filed.

8. On a charge being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge, he shall with the summons for the next meeting, send notice to all the members thereof that such charge has been received and of the time when the same shall be read.

9. The proceedings in connection with the trial after charges have been filed shall, subject to the control of the Master of the Lodge, be conducted under the supervision of the Junior Warden, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules respecting Masonic trials are adhered to, that the accused brother has ample opportunity to prepare his defence, and that the trial is brought to a close as expeditiously as may be reasonable.

10. When the charge shall be presented and read the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether it shall be accepted, and the accused brother be placed on trial, or shall be dismissed. If the charge is accepted it cannot be withdrawn except for good cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present. The charge shall not be amended except by a majority vote and on due notice to the accused.

11. Immediately upon the acceptance of a charge by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charge and the particulars, if any, and a notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. The time shall be so fixed as to give the accused reasonable time to prepare his defence.

12. Should the accused neglect to attend at the time and place of trial after notice has been served on him, the Lodge may at the time in such notice specified proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. Provided, that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of serving such notice, and any action by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In the absence of the accused the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act for him as his counsel or representative

13. In every case where a flagrant offence shall be committed by any Mason present while the Lodge is at labor, the foregoing rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with, and the Master may order the offending brother to show cause instanter why he should not be punished, and may in his discretion proceed, or permit the Lodge to proceed to trial and suspension.

14. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose. In case it be not completed at one meeting, it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

15. Every trial shall be prosecuted with as much despatch as the law governing the same and full justice to the accuser and the accused will permit.

16. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons must be in good standing. They shall give their testimony on their honor as Masons.

17. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons must be of such religious belief as would justify their evidence being received in a Court of Justice. They shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

18. The rules respecting evidence in Courts of Justice shall apply as far as the same can be made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials.

19. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received at any Masonic trial.

20. The evidence of witnesses who are Masons may be taken in open Lodge, or by a special committee appointed by the

Master. Witnesses who are not Masons shall be examined only by a committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case the accuser and the accused in person, or a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses.

21. The testimony of any witnesses unable to attend the Lodge or committee may be taken by deposition before a Mason authorized by the Master to act in the matter, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

22. It shall be the duty of the accuser and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summon as a witness any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

23. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

24. The Master shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master, shall take down in writing the evidence submitted by both the accuser and the accused and note all objections made by either. The evidence, objections and rulings shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

25. At the conclusion of the evidence the accuser and the accused in person, or their counsel or representative, may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accuser and the accused shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views on the case and the law and the facts involved; and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent reasons, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

26. A committee for the purpose of taking evidence shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, any of whom may for reasonable cause, to be fully explained by the

objecting party, be removed by the Master, who shall appoint another in his place.

27. Every such committee shall select from their number a Chairman and Secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accuser and the accused with their respective witnesses.

28. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above prescribed shall apply to and may be discharged by the Chairman and Secretary of the committee.

29. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaint before them.

30. When the committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge; and upon the accuser and the accused retiring any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case, and may require any portion or the whole of the evidence to be read to enable him to come to a decision.

31. In case the accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

32. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any of the proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master or by the Lodge, or by the committee when the proceedings are before a committee.

JUDGMENT.

33. At the conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present must vote by ballot. It shall require a vote of a majority to sustain the charge.

34. If any charge shall be sustained the accused shall then and there be declared "guilty" and the Master shall put the question as to whether he shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by a majority of the members present, all of whom must vote by ballot. The Lodge may also, by a like ballot, recommend to Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

35. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge he shall be notified of his suspension by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted he shall be notified of his acquittal by the Master in open Lodge, if present, and by the Secretary in writing.

PUNISHMENT.

36. The punishment which shall be inflicted by Lodges for a "Masonic offence" shall be in the discretion of the Lodge either "indefinite suspension," "definite suspension," or "reprimand," and must be inflicted by the vote of a majority of the members present.

37. The penalty of suspension and the duration thereof may be voted upon together or separately.

38. No "definite suspension" shall be voted for a longer term than three years, nor for a less term than three months.

39. "Reprimand" shall be the least Masonic punishment, and when voted by a majority of the members present shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

40. Suspension for any offence subjects the offender and his family during its continuance to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

APPEALS.

41. The accuser or accused or any member of the Lodge may appeal from any verdict or sentence in the case rendered or adjudged, or from any vote or decision of a Lodge or commission upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to Grand Lodge. If the appeal is to Grand Lodge it shall be heard at the first annual

meeting thereof which occurs after the lapse of ten days from the time the notice of appeal is given.

42. The notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant and shall contain a statement of the case and the reasons of appeal. It shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within the time limited for serving notice of appeal.

43. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from, or the chairman of the commission, notice of his intention to appeal within twenty-one days after notice of its action or decision has been served upon him, and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, or the chairman of the commission, shall, at least ten days before the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, on payment of the sum of ten cents per folio therefor, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

44. Should the appeal not be made in time for the next meeting of Grand Lodge held after the appeal is taken, it shall stand over until the next subsequent annual meeting of Grand Lodge, or it may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess.

45. Upon hearing an appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may dismiss the appeal or affirm the decision appealed from, or

Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so; or

Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality and remand the case for further proceedings; or

Give such directions as may be reasonable and proper.

46. In all cases of appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master to investigate the case and report thereon with his opinion.

47. Whenever the Grand Master or Grand Lodge on a review of a trial or other proceedings of a Lodge, or a commission properly appointed, resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment upon said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When

a case is remanded for a new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

TRIAL BY COMMISSION.

48. When a case is tried by commission the proceedings thereof shall be under its control. The charge shall be sent to the chairman of the commission by the Grand Secretary with the notice of the appointment thereof and with any special instructions which may be given by the Grand Master.

49. The Grand Master may at any stage of a case before verdict or judgment is pronounced withdraw a case from trial by a Lodge and refer the same to a commission for trial. The commission shall, as nearly as practicable, follow the procedure laid down for trial by a Lodge, but shall have power to do all things necessary for the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to it. It shall have the same jurisdiction as the Lodges possess respecting the summoning of witnesses and the taking of evidence.

50. The commission shall decide upon the questions of guilt or innocence and punishment in the same manner as a Lodge is authorized to decide, and shall report its conclusions to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Grand Master.

51. The accuser and accused shall have the same right of appeal as is given from the verdict or decision of a Lodge, and the proceedings on such appeal shall be similar to those on appeal from such verdict or decision.

SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, RESTORATION.

52. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated all suspensions as they may severally occur.

53. A suspended Mason may be restored by Grand Lodge or by the Lodge in appeal which suspended him.

54. A Mason suspended indefinitely seeking restoration shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

55. The Secretary of the Lodge shall notify all the members of the Lodge of such petition at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

56. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present for its adoption. Such vote shall be taken in a Lodge of Master Masons.

57. If the Lodge has ceased to exist the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

58. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation, and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

59. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge the restored brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated brother.

60. In all cases of restoration by a Lodge the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

61. When a Lodge recommends to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 34, that a brother be expelled, the recommendation shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge, to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge. Should the report confirm such recommendation and be adopted by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned to appear before the Board of General Purposes and Grand Lodge at the next annual meeting thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled, and the Board, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient. Should such a recommendation and papers reach the Grand Secretary in sufficient time to admit of the service of a notice upon the convicted brother, the Grand Secretary shall serve a ten days' notice upon him, either personally or by registered letter addressed to him, at his last known address, requiring him to show cause at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge why he should not be expelled for his offence.

62. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to see that the summons required by the preceding section is duly served.

63. Should a brother who has been expelled desire to be restored he may at any time after his sentence of expulsion file with the Grand Secretary, at least thirty days before an annual session of Grand Lodge, a petition which shall contain a copy of the charge upon which he was tried and a statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration. The petition must be accompanied by a favorable recommendation of the Lodge from which he was suspended, or the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he has continuously resided for the twelve months next preceding the presentation of his petition, passed by a two-thirds vote in and by a Lodge of Master Masons at a regular communication.

MASTERS AND LODGES.

64. A Worshipful Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term for any Masonic offence (except official misconduct or a violation of his obligations). At all such trials the District Deputy Grand Master shall preside. All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

65. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges, or between a Lodge and its Master, resulting in charges being preferred, or an informal complaint made, the same shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may appoint a commission of not more than seven nor less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with the District Deputy Grand Master as chairman, unless there is good reason why he should not act, to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master, and shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

66. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

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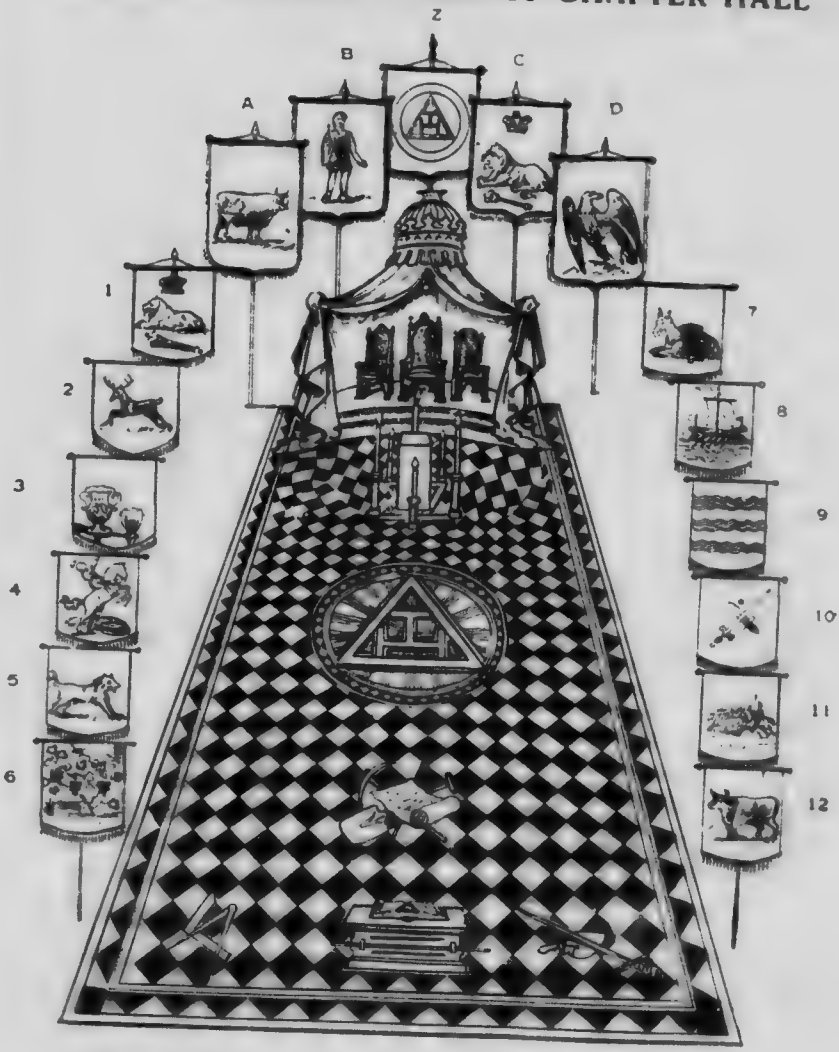


Z—Royal Arch Banner, *white*.

A B C D—Standards of the Four Divisions of the Army of Israel. A—*green*, B—*scarlet*, C—*crimson*, D—*green*.

1 to 12—Banners of the Twelve Tribes. 1—Judah, *crimson*; 2—Naphtali, *blue*; 3—Asher, *purple*; 4—Dan, *green*; 5—Benjamin, *green*, 6—Manasseh, *pale pink*; 7—Issacher, *sky blue*; 8—Zebulon, *purple*, 9—Reuben, *scarlet*; 10—Simeon, *yellow*, 11—Gad, *white*, 12—Ephraim, *green*.

N.B.—The tribal banners 1 to 12, should be equidistant and placed close to edge of the Mosaic and, where possible, a Companion, in white robe, seated beside each. The Mosaic in length and width, should be proportionate to dimensions of Chapter Room so as to afford sufficient space between banners and side benches for all necessary movements between the entrance and the E.

AMENDMENTS

Adopted at

Annual Grand Convocation

22nd FEBRUARY, 1911.

Resolved.—That Sections 47, 48 and 55 of the Constitution be repealed, and that the following be substituted therefor:

THE GRAND TREASURER.

47.—It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to keep such books and accounts, and in such a manner, as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Executive Committee. His books shall always be open for inspection by any member of the Grand Council or any Committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Section 55. He shall be the custodian of the bond of the Grand Scribe E.

THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

48.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe E. to record all laws, acts and transactions of Grand Chapter; to receive, file and safely keep all papers, books and documents of Grand Chapter other than those belonging to the Grand Treasurer. He shall have the custody of the Seal of the Grand Chapter and shall affix the same to all documents issued by authority of Grand Chapter or the Grand First Principal. He shall sign and certify all instruments issued by Grand Chapter under seal or otherwise. He shall issue summonses for all Convocations of Grand Chapter, of the Executive Committee, or of any Committee, as he shall be directed by the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter, and shall attend and take minutes of all their proceedings. He shall receive returns from the several Chapters and enter them in the books of Grand Chapter and duly report the same to each annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. He shall send to all Chapters copies of the proceedings of Grand Chapter and of all such other papers as may be ordered, either by the Grand First Principal, Grand Second Principal or the Executive Committee. He shall, on or before the thirty-first day of December in each year, send to each Chapter and to every officer of Grand Chapter copies of all Notices of Motion. He shall notify all Chapters annually of all expelled, suspended and restored members for the year. He shall furnish the Executive Committee with all documents and information as they may require. He shall receive all Petitions, Memorials and other papers and lay them before the Grand First Principal or other proper authority. He shall attend the Grand First Principal or the Executive Committee

and take to him or the Committee the books and papers he or they may direct. He shall conduct the correspondence of Grand Chapter. He shall receive and dispose of all moneys of Grand Chapter and keep all the accounts thereof in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Executive Committee. His books and accounts shall always be open for inspection by the Grand First Principal or the Chairman of the Executive Committee, or any Committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. His accounts shall be prepared and audited as prescribed by Section 55. He shall perform all other duties pertaining to his office. He shall give a bond to be approved by the Executive Committee to the Grand First Principal and the Grand Second Principal in some guarantee company in the sum of $2,500.00 for the faithful performance of his duties. This bond shall be placed in the custody of the Grand Treasurer. The fee for such bond shall be paid by Grand Chapter.

(2) All moneys payable to Grand Chapter shall be received by the Grand Scribe E., who shall forthwith deposit same in sums of one hundred dollars and upwards, in the bank in which the Grand Chapter keeps its account, to the credit of Grand Chapter, and shall forthwith send a duplicate of the deposit slip, certified by the bank, to the Grand Treasurer, who shall keep an account of all moneys so received and deposited. All cheques issued on behalf of Grand Chapter shall bear the signatures of the Grand Scribe E., the Grand Treasurer and the President of the Executive Committee.

(3) The accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer shall be kept in such manner and form

and subject to such rules and regulations as the Executive Committee may from time to time prescribe.

(4) The accounts shall be closed on the 31st day of January in each year. They shall be audited during the year by a professional accountant to be named by the Executive Committee, and an abstract thereof, certified by the Auditor as correct, shall be prepared and sent to the Chairman of the Executive Committee not later than the 15th day of February in each year.

(5) A full statement of the accounts shall be prepared for the information of Grand Chapter, shall be certified as correct by the official Auditor, and shall be submitted to the Executive Committee and a final statement for the year preceding on the first day of its meeting prior to the Convocation of Grand Chapter. This statement shall be referred for examination and audit to a sub-committee, who shall forthwith report to the Executive Committee thereon.

(6) The Grand Council shall prescribe the mode in which payments, authorized by Grand Chapter, shall be made out of the funds of Grand Chapter, and shall have power to authorize any necessary expenditure for the administration of its affairs.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

55.—(1) The Grand Second Principal shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and in his absence the Third Grand Principal, who shall possess all powers of the Chairman. Should the Second and Third Grand Principals be absent, the Committee shall elect a Chairman pro tempore.

(2) The Committee shall meet the day before the annual Convocation of Grand Chapter at the place appointed for holding the same, and at other times on the call of the Grand First Principal or the Chairman of the Committee.

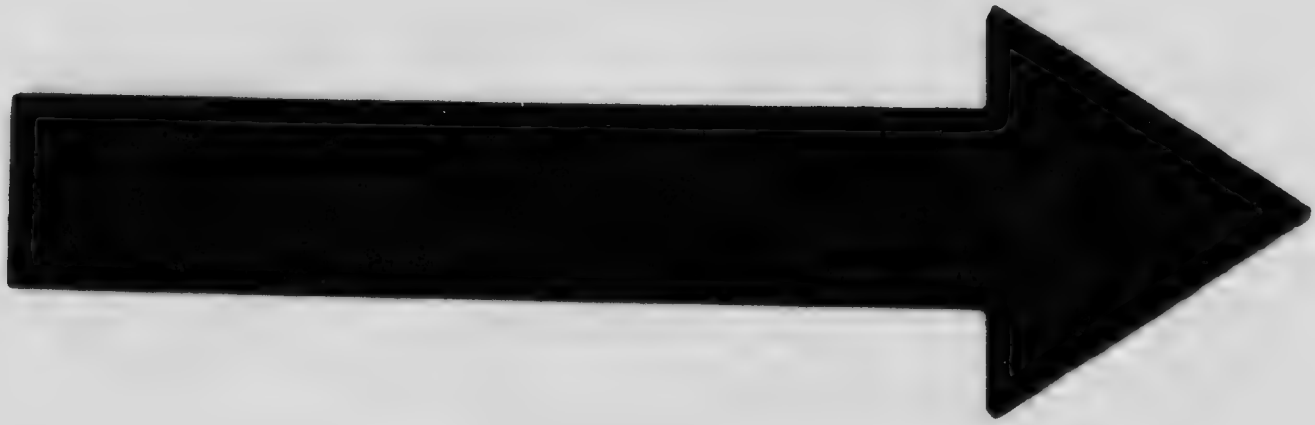
(3) Seven members shall constitute a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes. The presiding officer in case of a tie shall have a second vote.

(4) The Committee shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints not being Masonic offences respecting Chapters or individual Companions when regularly brought before it.

(5) The Committee may summon any of the officers of a Chapter or any Companion to appear before it for the purpose of any inquiry, and may order the custodian thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Chapter. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for non-compliance be not given, the offending Chapter or Companion may be suspended by the Committee and the proceedings shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

(6) A full report of the proceedings of the Committee in all cases of complaint investigated by it shall be preserved in a book to be kept for the purpose. The judgment of the Committee shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

(7) In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Committee or the Chapter to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Committee considers its decision.



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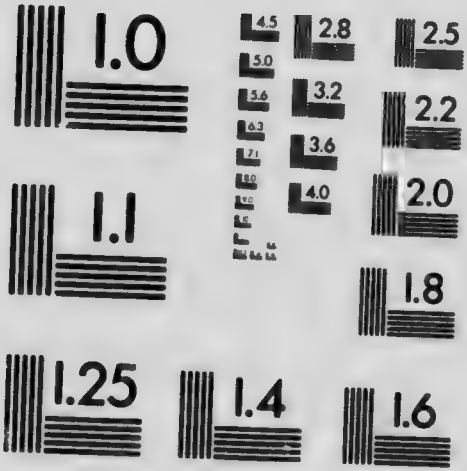

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(8) The Committee shall have charge of the finances of Grand Chapter, and it shall submit to Grand Chapter an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

(9) The Committee shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Chapter, and may by rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Chapter.

(10) The Committee shall annually appoint an Auditor, who shall be a Chartered Accountant. His duties shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Scribe E. and the books of the Grand Treasurer and report to the Grand First Principal. He shall perform the duties prescribed by Sections 47 and 48. He shall receive such remuneration as Grand Chapter shall determine.

(11) The Committee may summon any officer or Companion having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Chapter to appear before it, and may give such directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

(12) The Committee shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture and regalia of Grand Chapter.

(13) The Committee shall cause the necessary preparations to be made for the meetings of Grand Chapter.

(14) The Committee shall have the general care and investment of all funds of Grand Chapter.

(15) No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Committee unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Committee.

(16) All communications from the Committee to the Grand First Principal, to Grand Chapter or other Committees, or any Chapter or Companion, shall be made in writing.

(17) The Committee shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand First Principal or Grand Chapter in preference to other business.

(18) The Committee may appoint sub-committees for specific purposes, who must report to the Committee.

(19) All transactions and resolutions of the Committee shall be entered in the Minute Book of the Grand Scribe E.

(20) At each annual Convocation of Grand Chapter the Committee shall report all its proceedings.

BAR TO VOTING REMOVED.

Resolved,—That Section 113 of the Constitution be amended by striking out all after the word "Companions" in the third line.

The following words are expunged: "and if the Chapter so decides by by-law, no Companion who is over twelve months in arrears for dues shall be entitled to vote at the annual election of officers."

UNANIMOUS CONSENT PROVIDED FOR.

Resolved,—That Section 116 be amended by adding the words "A Chapter may, however, by by-law require the unanimous consent of the members present."

AMENDMENTS

adopted at the

ANNUAL CONVOCATION

28th FEBRUARY, 1912

PROXY VOTE IN GRAND CHAPTER.

Section 17 of the Constitution is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

17.—In case all the representative officers of a Chapter (the Z., the H., and the J.) be unable to attend the Grand Convocation, the Chapter may, by open vote, select any Past First Principal (who shall be a member of this Grand Chapter) as its representative at the then next ensuing convocation of the Grand Chapter, and such representative or proxy shall be entitled to cast the vote of the Chapter appointing him. The credentials of a Companion acting as proxy for a Chapter must contain in writing the resolution of the Chapter giving the proxy, signed by the First Principal and Scribe E. of the Chapter on the authorized form. *No Companion can represent more than one Chapter.* A Chapter may submit an alternate name; and the alternate shall represent the Chapter in case the first named Companion shall have accepted another proxy. The names of the

proxy and the alternate shall be sent *by registered letter* to the Grand Scribe E. at least thirty days before the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter. In the event of the representative officers and proxy of a Chapter being absent, the senior Past First Principal of the Chapter present shall be entitled to the vote of his Chapter.

DIVISION OF DISTRICTS.

Section 4 is amended by adding a second district to the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Districts, which will henceforth be known as Manitoba District W., No. 15A; Saskatchewan District N., No. 19A, and Alberta District S., No. 17A.

POWERS OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

Section 46 is amended by inserting the word "not" after the word "shall" in the first line.

The section will now read: "He shall not have power to grant dispensations for public festivals or processions in his district."

RESTORATION OF CHAPTER WARRANT.

Resolved,—That all words after "others" in the fifth line of Section 81 be expunged.

The words now eliminated were "and if the Warrant be restored, the petitioners only shall constitute the membership of such Chapter."